

Amendments to the Specification

In the Specification please insert the following paragraph before the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/08099, filed October 27, 1999, and claims benefit of German Patent Application No. 198 50 236.2, filed October 31, 1998.